

General Assembly shall regulate the compensation of the Governor and all other officers, subject to the limitations contained in this constitution.

§ 12. All lotteries shall hereafter be prohibited in this State, except those already authorized by the General Assembly.

§ 13. The General Assembly shall have no power, hereafter, without the express consent of the people, to incur State debts to an amount exceeding fifty thousand dollars, except in time of war, or in case of insurrection or invasion, nor shall they in any case, without such consent, pledge the faith of the State for the payment of the obligations of others. This section shall not be construed to refer to any money that may be deposited with this State by the Government of the United States.

§ 14. The assent of two-thirds of the members elected to each House of the General Assembly shall be required to every bill appropriating the public money or property for local or private purposes.

§ 15. The General Assembly shall, from time to time, provide for making new valuations of property, for the assessment of taxes, in such manner as they may deem best. A new estimate of such property shall be taken before the first direct State tax after the adoption of this constitution, shall be assessed.

§ 16. The General Assembly may provide by law for the continuance in office of any officers of annual election or appointment, until other persons are qualified to take their places.

§ 17. Hereafter, when any bill shall be presented to either House of the General Assembly, to create a corporation for any other than for religious, literary, or charitable purposes, or for a military, or fire company, it shall be continued until another election of members of the General Assembly shall have taken place, and such public notice of the pendency thereof shall be given as may be required by law.

§ 18. It shall be the duty of the two Houses upon the request of either, to join in grand committee for the purpose of electing Senators in Congress, at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed by law for said elections.

ARTICLE 5. — OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

§ 1. The House of Representatives shall never exceed seventy-two members, and shall be constituted on the basis of population, always allowing one Representative for a fraction exceeding half the ratio; but each town or city shall always be entitled to at least one member; and no town or city shall have more than one-sixth of the whole number of members to which the House is hereby limited. The present ratio shall be one representative to every fifteen hundred and thirty inhabitants, and the General Assembly may, after any new census taken by the authority of the United States, or of this State, re-apportion the representation by altering the ratio; but no town or city shall be divided into districts for the choice of representatives.

§ 2. The House of Representatives shall have authority to elect its speaker, clerks, and other officers. The senior member from the town of Newport, if any be present, shall preside in the organization of the House.

ARTICLE 6. — OF THE SENATE.

§ 1. The Senate shall consist of the Lieutenant-Governor, and of one Senator from each town or city in the State.

§ 2. The Governor, and, in his absence, the Lieutenant-Governor shall